



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 12th December 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year C
Weekday Cycle II

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 11th December		Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Bill Gent and Family RIP
Sunday 12th December		Third Sunday of Advent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Sabina Mason (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Holy Souls
Monday 13th December		St. Lucy
Most Holy Trinity	7.00 pm	Exposition
Tuesday 14th December		St. John of the Cross
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 15th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Fr. Patrick Keane (Intention)
Friday 17th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Brigid O'Neill RIP
Saturday 18th December		Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Joyce and Gill Allen (Intention)
Sunday 19th December		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Brigid O'Neill RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Alice Giovannone RIP and Valentino Barberio RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Peter Kemsley RIP

Since Most Holy Trinity Church has been closed for refurbishments, we have had very well attended Masses on the weekends in our Parish Hall in Newquay. Therefore, the additional 8.30 am Mass on Sunday morning will continue to be celebrated in the hall until the church re-opens. Thank you for your co-operation.

“I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord.”

What does it mean to be happy? This is surely one of our deepest questions and one that preoccupies the different stages of a person’s life. At each stage, whether in childhood, during the angst of teenage years, in the years of exploration of early adulthood, in the joy of love and family, in sickness and in health, and later as we decline, we seek happiness, which is often elusive. The desire to love and be loved is ever present. It brings joy and sometimes pain, contentment and struggle, anxiety and sorrow, happiness and peace. We also try to know the meaning of God’s love as we face the ups and downs of life. At times, we feel God is distant rather than close, judgemental rather than merciful, sometimes like a kind and forgiving father or a tender and caring mother. For some people, the search for happiness leads to excessive behaviour, wrong roads taken; for others, the search for happiness seems much easier and smoother.

A time of lockdown brought the nature of happiness to the front of the mind once again. For some this period was a good opportunity and a chance to re-evaluate priorities; for others, this period was painful and brought much friction. Domestic violence soared during the lockdowns. Healthcare professionals worked all the hours of the day to try to save sick people and went the extra mile in their care. The waste collectors and the local shops, the bus drivers and those in essential services, were more respected. People found deep happiness in serving others by volunteering or helping in a neighbourly way. It was the best of times and the worst of times.

At the time of King Herod, the Jewish people longed for a Messiah who would restore the kingdom of Israel and re-establish a right relationship with God. The coming of the Anointed One of God would bring happiness and fulfil the yearnings and longings of the people. The preaching of

John the Baptist in the desert by the River Jordan led people to gather and wonder if he was the Messiah. Was he the prophet to fulfil the hope of the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading? Would he lead them to rejoice and dance with shouts of joy? Would he give them happiness? The coming of the Messiah might be likened to a return to the promised land. Some thought the Romans would be overthrown and the occupation ended. Others hoped God’s law would be respected and lived. Some imagined that the world would come to an end.

John the Baptist tells the crowds who gather around him that he is not the Messiah, but rather the messenger or precursor who points them towards the one who comes in the name of the Lord. John promises that the Christ will inaugurate a new time and create a new people who will receive the gift of baptism by water and the Holy Spirit. They will live in a new relationship with Jesus Christ as friends inspired by the Holy Spirit. St Paul, writing to the Church at Philippi, tells the new Christians that they can trust in Jesus Christ in prayer and be thankful for his gifts. In him is to be found true happiness.

In baptism we were each baptised by water and anointed with the oil of chrism and we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were each clothed in a white robe as a new creation in Christ. We were each given a lighted candle to be a sign of faith. In this way, each of us began our new life with Christ who walks with us. Being a follower of Christ does not guarantee a life free from suffering. Such a life does not guarantee that we will not make mistakes or foolish choices. It guarantees that we can return to our merciful God and ask forgiveness, that our dignity as Christians can always be restored and that we can begin again as followers of Christ. Happiness comes from knowing that Christ is with me and will never abandon me. I am not alone. Christ walks with me. I know I am loved by the love who moves the sun and the other stars and that he desires that I live for ever with him in heaven.



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Parish Pastoral Councils

A number of years ago we had a single Parish Council looking to support the mission of the church here in the wider parish. Given the rich diversity within our extended parish, and bearing in mind the various challenges we are all facing at this time, but nevertheless seeking to move forward we are exploring the possibility of having a local Pastoral Council in each of our communities. If you are interested or have any suggestions then please email Fr. Martin. Thank you for your prayerful support in this venture.

Missio Boxes

Could all holders of a Missio (APF) Red box, please hand them into church or direct to your collector.

Synodal Journey

Please take with you the inserts that are included in this week’s newsletter and consider speaking with the people around you about the issues that you feel are important as well as seeking to listen, without judging, to the issues they might wish to share. If you would like to know more information about the Synodal Journey then please follow the link on our website.



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MUST BE WORN FOR THE
SAFETY OF US ALL**

If you would like to give any feedback then please email synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk or synodus@synod.va. Thank you for your support.

Church Renovations

The pillars have been removed and all of the plastering has been completed. The carpet and lights have been ordered, the pews have been collected for refurbishment and the painting has begun. Due to some unforeseen works that need to be completed, the church will not re-open until the New Year and all Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your ongoing support with this project. Please check the website to view the works so far via the link on our Welcome page.

Christmas Mass Times

Please see our website and notice boards for the Christmas Mass Times for Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes. Please note that all Newquay Masses will continue to be held in our Parish Hall whilst the church is being renovated.

COVID - Guidelines

Due to the changes that came into force in public places this week, the wearing of masks/face covering is now mandatory. We are keen to ensure that Churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship and would ask you to continue to respect the social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

To help in ensuring that we keep each other safe, can we ask you to please ensure that you put your mask/face covering on before you enter the building and to keep it on for the duration of your time with us.

Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, Brian Bickle and Bishop Christopher Budd at this time. (If you would like to include a close family member in the prayers for the sick then please email the Parish Office.)

Mary's Meals—Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions towards the Charity, Mary Meals. We have raised between us the sum of £907.37. That will buy roughly 11,342 meals. Thank you, once again, for your kind support.

Free Car Parking

Saturday from 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm and
Sunday 8.00 am - 1.00pm

For all other times, all visitors must go to the Reception to register your vehicle and avoid a fine. If you have any issues with Parking Eye please come to reception first.

Mass for Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18



Responsorial Psalm:

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Prayer for the Synod

May our synodal preparations
inspire people to dream
about the church we are called to be,
to make hopes flourish,
to stimulate trust,
to bind up wounds,
to weave new and deeper relationships,
to learn from one another,
to build bridges,
to enlighten minds and
restore strength to our hands
for our common mission.

We trust in your Spirit who journeys with us.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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Sacramental Programmes & Preparation

PARISH REGISTRATION – New Parishioners to our Parish, please hand your details into the Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – See Fr. Martin

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 – We are looking to determine the number of children who would like to make their First Communion in June 2022. If your child is in year 3 or above then please speak with Fr Martin at your earliest convenience.

CONFIRMATION – Year 9 upwards. If interested please speak with Fr Martin.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – Please contact Fr Martin (or the priest in the parish where you are looking to get married) at least six months prior to your proposed wedding date. A contribution of £175 is requested for the Church for weddings with a Registrar Fee of £55.00 (flowers and organist are by personal arrangement).

RCIA PROGRAMME/JOURNEY IN FAITH – If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic church then please contact Fr Martin.

Collections

*Please note all cheques to be made payable to: **PRCDTR Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes RC Parish***

MHT

Collections: £228.46
November Standing Orders:
£867.33

CTK

Collections: £117.85
November Standing Orders:
£30.00

OLSOS

Collections: £71.00
November Standing Orders:
£165.00

Thank you for your generosity which allows our extended parish to grow and flourish!

Sick Calls/Visits

If you require a priest in an emergency in the absence of Fr Martin, here are the following numbers for the various parishes in Cornwall (Plymouth Diocese).

Bodmin ☎ 01208 72833 - Fr Ciaran McGuinness • St Austell ☎ 01726 73838 - Fr Michael Brandon
Falmouth ☎ 01326 312763 - Fr Brian Kenwick (Dean of Cornwall)
Penzance ☎ 01736 362619 - Fr Philip Dyson • Newquay ☎ 01637 851697 - Fr Martin Stone
Truro ☎ 01872 272291 - Fr John Gilbert • ☎ 01637 861752 Lanherne Convent - Canon Scott Smith

Our Churches

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Lower Tower Road,
Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1LS

Lanherne Convent

Chaplain's House, St. Mawgan,
Newquay, Cornwall, TR8 4ER

Christ the King

Wheal Leisure Road,
Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EZ

Our Lady Star of the Sea

16 Trevaunance Road,
St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

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